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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Friday, October 22, 2004 10 a.m.  
Date/Time of Occurrence: Friday, October 22, 2004  
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Location of Call: Placer County, Yosemite

Released by: Dena Erwin, Community Services Officer, (530) 889-6922

### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

The strong storms that swept through the area early this week kept the Placer County Sheriff's Search and Rescue teams busy.

Early Wednesday morning, the sheriff's Mountain Rescue Team, one of only three certified mountain-climbing/rescue teams in the state, was sent to Yosemite National Park to assist in the rescue of mountain climbers on El Capitan.

Tuesday, dozens of Search and Rescue team members and volunteers braved the heavy rain and snow to rescue three people stranded by the storm in two separate incidents. One involved a man who went 4-wheeling and ended up spending the night stuck in the snow in the Robinson's Flat area. He was found by search teams -unharmred - in the early morning hours. Two motorcyclists were also rescued that day when their bikes broke down at the China Wall Off-Highway Vehicle area and family members reported them missing.

Some of the equipment deployed during the searches was purchased with the help of public donations, including a new truck. Beginning November 1, Search and Rescue's annual fund-raising drive begins. Telephone solicitors will be calling Placer County residents to ask for donations. Anyone wishing to make a donation will be sent a pre-addressed envelope. Callers will not ask for credit card information. For further information, contact Search and Rescue at (530) 889-7846.